

annex provinces and kingdoms to their Empire. Napoleon, on the contrary, wished to make his empire encroach upon other states, and to realize the impossible Utopia of ten different nations, all having different customs and languages, united into a single State.¹ Could justice, that safeguard of human rights, be duly administered in the Hanse Towns when those towns were converted into French departments ? In these new departments many judges had been appointed who did not understand a word of German, and who had no knowledge of law. The presidents of the tribunals of Liibeck, Stade, Bremerlehe, and Minden were so utterly ignorant of the German language that it was necessary to explain to them all the pleadings in the council-chamber. Was it not absurd to establish such a judicial system, and above all, to appoint such men in a country so important to Franco as Hamburg and the Hanse Towns V Add to this the impertinence of some favorites who were sent from "Paris to serve official and legal apprenticeships in the conquered provinces, and it may be easily conceived what was the attachment of the people to Napoleon the Great.

¹ See map at the end of vol. iii.